

SCENIC PROPERTIES WATER ASSOCIATION INC. (PWS# 4080040)
SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT

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Under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the Act. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is completing the assessments for all Idaho public drinking water systems. The assessment for your particular drinking water source is based on a land use inventory within a 1,000 foot radius of your drinking water sources, sensitivity factors associated with each source and characteristics associated with either your aquifer or watershed in which you live.

This report, *Source Water Assessment for Public Water System (PWS) #4080040 located near Lowman, Idaho*, describes the public drinking water system, the associated potential contaminant sources located within a 1,000' boundary around the drinking water sources, and the susceptibility (risk) that may be associated with any potential contaminants. This assessment should be used as a planning tool, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this system. **The results should not be used as an absolute measure of risk and is not intended to undermine the confidence in your water system.**

The Scenic Properties Water Association Inc. drinking water system consists of one well and one spring. The spring is located up a hill and away from the subdivision. It supplies water through a spring box collection system and carries it to a 30,000-gallon storage tank. Well #1 is located near the community, and it also distributes water to this storage tank, although some of the water is carried directly from the well to several connections.

The spring rated a final susceptibility of low to inorganic compounds (IOCs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), synthetic organic compounds (SOCs), and microbial contaminants. According to the 1997 Sanitary Survey performed by the DEQ, the land covering the spring has been eroded away, exposing the spring box intake to contamination. The survey indicated abundant evidence of wildlife utilizing the exposed spring, and surface water was collecting at the entrance to the spring box. However, this problem has since been corrected, and the site has been fenced off to keep wildlife from entering the source water area. The sanitary survey did not locate any other potential contaminant sources within a 1,000-foot radius of the source. The spring was to have been evaluated for possible Ground Water Under Direct Influence (GWUDI) determination, but it is not known whether this has been completed or not.

For the well, the final susceptibility analysis indicated a moderate susceptibility to IOCs, VOCs, SOC, and microbial contaminants. The well was drilled in July of 1972 to a depth of 80 feet and finished in a sand/gravel layer from 60 to 80 feet. The well casing is perforated from 70 to 80 feet with 1/4" by 3" perforations. Regional soil data reveals well-drained soils in the area surrounding the wellhead. In the unlikely event of a spill or release of pollutants in this region, well-drained soils, in general, provide less protection and allow for a more rapid downward movement of contaminants.

The initial computer generated contaminant source inventory conducted by the DEQ located one potential contaminant source within the 1,000-foot boundary of the well. This site is an Underground Storage Tank (UST) located approximately 900 feet from the wellhead. In addition, the aforementioned sanitary survey observed the presence of a septic system within 100 feet of the well. For the purposes of the susceptibility analysis, this septic system was included as a potential contamination source for microbes. Finally, Highway 21 passes directly through the well's designated

source water area. Highway 21 was also considered to be a possible contamination source, since it serves as an important transportation thoroughfare for the region.

A copy of the susceptibility analysis for your system along with a map showing any potential contaminant sources is included with this summary. Information regarding the potential contaminants within the 1,000' boundary of the well have been summarized and included in Table 1.

Table 1.

SITE #	Source Description	Source of Information	Potential Contaminants
1	UST	Database Search	VOC, SOC

IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

This assessment should be used as a basis for determining appropriate new protection measures or re-evaluating existing protection efforts. No matter what ranking a source receives, protection is always important. Whether the source is currently located in a “pristine” area or an area with numerous industrial and/or agricultural land uses, the way to ensure good water quality in the future is to act now to protect valuable water supply resources.

For the Scenic Properties Water Association Inc., source water protection activities should focus on implementation of practices aimed at continued maintenance of the septic system within the designated source water area of Well #1. Source water protection activities should be aimed at long-term management strategies even though these strategies may not yield results in the near term.

For assistance in developing drinking water protection strategies please contact the Central District Health Department or the DEQ-Boise Regional Office at 208-373-0550.

POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT INVENTORY LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

AST (Aboveground Storage Tanks) – Sites with aboveground storage tanks.

Business Mailing List – This list contains potential contaminant sites identified through a yellow pages database search of standard industry codes (SIC).

CERCLIS – This includes sites considered for listing under the **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**. CERCLA, more commonly known as **Superfund**, is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites that are on the national priority list (NPL).

Cyanide Site – DEQ permitted and known historical sites/facilities using cyanide.

Dairy – Sites included in the primary contaminant source inventory represent those facilities regulated by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and may range from a few head to several thousand head of milking cows.

Deep Injection Well – Injection wells regulated under the Idaho Department of Water Resources generally for the disposal of stormwater runoff or agricultural field drainage.

Enhanced Inventory – Enhanced inventory locations are potential contaminant source sites added by the water system. These can include new sites not captured during the primary contaminant inventory, or corrected locations for sites not properly located during the primary contaminant inventory. Enhanced inventory sites can also include miscellaneous sites added by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during the primary contaminant inventory.

Floodplain – This is a coverage of the 100-year floodplains.

Group 1 Sites – These are sites that show elevated levels of contaminants and are not within the priority one areas.

Inorganic Priority Area – Priority one areas where greater than 25% of the wells/springs show constituents higher than primary standards or other health standards.

Landfill – Areas of open and closed municipal and non-municipal landfills.

LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with leaking underground storage tanks as regulated under RCRA.

Mines and Quarries – Mines and quarries permitted through the Idaho Department of Lands.)

Nitrate Priority Area – Area where greater than 25% of wells/springs show nitrate values above 5mg/l.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) – Sites with NPDES permits. The Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of a pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source must be authorized by an NPDES permit.

Organic Priority Areas – These are any areas where greater than 25 % of wells/springs show levels greater than 1% of the primary standard or other health standards.

Recharge Point – This includes active, proposed, and possible recharge sites on the Snake River Plain.

RICRIS – Site regulated under **Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)**. RCRA is commonly associated with the cradle to grave management approach for generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

SARA Tier II (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Tier II Facilities) – These sites store certain types and amounts of hazardous materials and must be identified under the Community Right to Know Act.

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – The toxic release inventory list was developed as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (Community Right to Know) Act passed in 1986. The Community Right to Know Act requires the reporting of any release of a chemical found on the TRI list.

UST (Underground Storage Tank) – Potential contaminant source sites associated with underground storage tanks regulated as regulated under RCRA.

Wastewater Land Applications Sites – These are areas where the land application of municipal or industrial wastewater is permitted by DEQ.

Wellheads – These are drinking water well locations regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. They are not treated as potential contaminant sources.

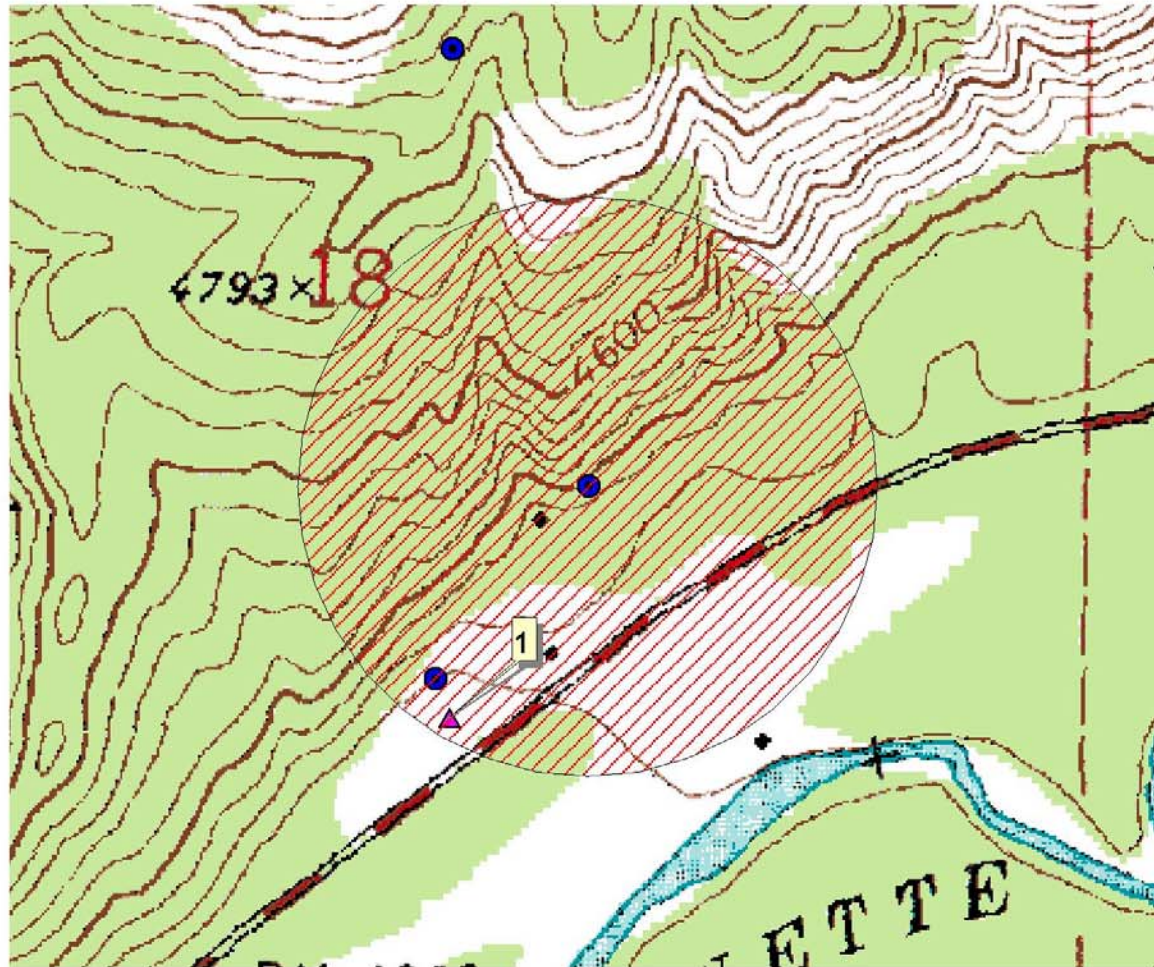
NOTE: Many of the potential contaminant sources were located using a geocoding program where mailing addresses are used to locate a facility. Field verification of potential contaminant sources is an important element of an enhanced inventory.

Where possible, a list of potential contaminant sites unable to be located with geocoding will be provided to water systems to determine if the potential contaminant sources are located within the source water assessment area.

Figure 1. Scenic Properties Water Association Inc. Delineation WELL #1

Scenic Properties Water Assn. Inc.: Well #1

PWS Number: 4080040



LEGEND

- Wellhead
- + Enhanced Inventory
- AST
- ⬡ Business Mailing List
- ⊙ CERCLIS Site
- ★ Dairy
- ☆ Non Dairy CAFO
- ⊕ Injection Well
- ⌵ Mineral Extraction Site
- NPDES Site
- ⊙ RICRIS Site
- ⊠ SARA Title III Site (EPCRA)
- ☢ Toxic Release Inventory
- ▲ Closed UST Site
- △ Open UST Site
- ⬠ LUST Site
- Landfill
- Wastewater Land App. Site
- ▨ - 1000 ft. Fixed Radius

Note: Refer to Preliminary Contaminant Inventory Form for Identification of Potential Contaminant Sources

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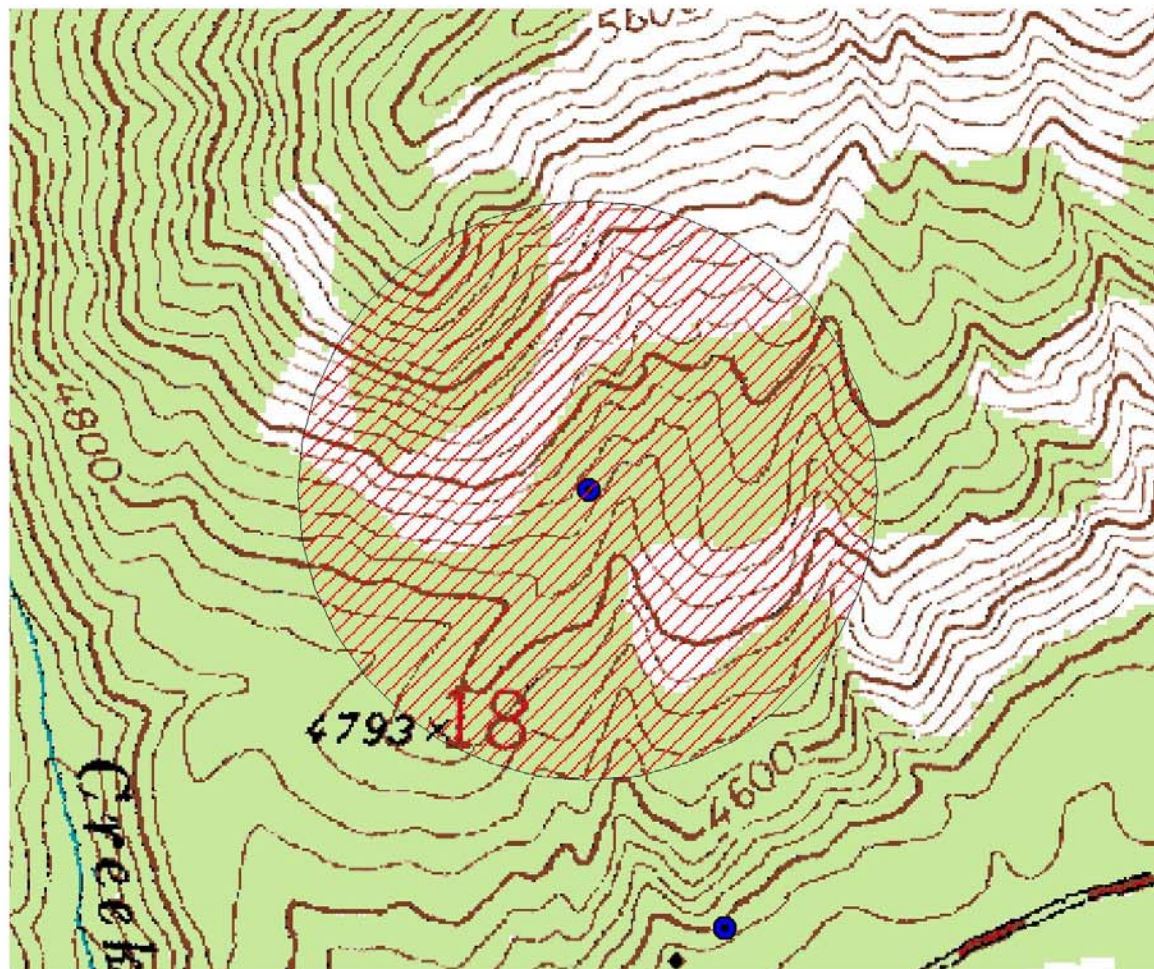


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Figure 2. Scenic Properties Water Association Inc. Delineation SPRING #1

Scenic Properties Water Assn. Inc.: Spring #1

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The final scores for the susceptibility analysis were determined using the following formulas:

- 1) VOC/SOC/IOC Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.27)
- 2) Microbial Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.375)

Final Susceptibility Scoring:

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|--------|-------------------------|
| 0 - 5 | Low Susceptibility |
| 6 - 12 | Moderate Susceptibility |
| ≥ 13 | High Susceptibility |

Ground Water Susceptibility Report

Public Water System Name :

SCENIC PROPERTIES WATER ASSN INC

Well# : WELL #1

Public Water System Number 4080040

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1. System Construction		SCORE			
Drill Date	7/10/72				
Driller Log Available	YES				
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES	1997			
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO	1			
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	YES	0			
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO	2			
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO	1			
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES	0			
Total System Construction Score		4			
2. Hydrologic Sensitivity					
Soils are poorly to moderately drained	NO	2			
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES	1			
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO	1			
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO	2			
Total Hydrologic Score		6			
3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A		IOC Score	VOC Score	SOC Score	Microbial Score
Land Use Zone 1A	RANGELAND, WOODLAND, BASALT	0	0	0	0
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A		0	0	0	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B					
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	YES	2	1	1	2
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum		4	2	2	4
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or	NO	0	0	0	
4 Points Maximum		0	0	0	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO	0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agricultural Land	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B		4	2	2	4
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score		4	2	2	4
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score		11	11	11	12
5. Final Well Ranking		Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

1. System Construction

SCORE

Intake structure properly constructed	YES	0
Infiltration gallery or well under the direct influence of Surface Water	NO	0

Total System Construction Score 2

2. Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use

IOC
ScoreVOC
ScoreSOC
ScoreMicrobial
Score

Predominant land use type (land use or cover)	BASALT FLOW, UNDEVELOPED, OTHER	0	0	0	0
Farm chemical use high	NO	0	0	0	
Significant contaminant sources *	NO				
Sources of class II or III contaminants or microbials	not present	0	0	0	0
Agricultural lands within 500 feet	NO	0	0	0	0
Three or more contaminant sources	NO	0	0	0	0
Sources of turbidity in the watershed	NO	0	0	0	0

Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score 0 0 0 0

3. Final Susceptibility Source Score

2

2

2

2

4. Final Source Ranking

Low

Low

Low

Low

* Special consideration due to significant contaminant sources
The source water has no special susceptibility concerns